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For : **METHOD FOR ELIMINATING DEFECTS IN SILICON ELEMENTS
THROUGH SELECTIVE ETCHING**

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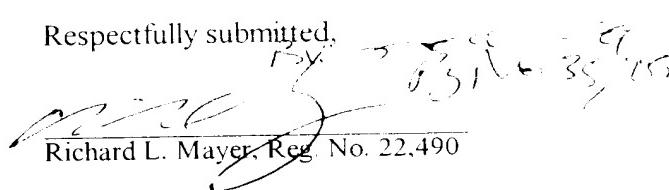
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2003 finally rejecting 31, 33 and 35. Claims 16-25 and 27-30 are allowed. Claims 32 and 34 are objected to.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of \$320.00 to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Any additional fees deemed necessary should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Two additional copies of this Notice are enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants request a further one month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2003. This further one month extension of time resets the response date to August 18, 2003 (August 17, 2003 is a Sunday). The extension fee of \$300.00 should be charged to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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